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1. BERLIN HAS OCCUPIED A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN THE AMERICAN HEART AND MIND, AND THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT REDUCED ITS COMMITMENT TO THE CITY IN ANY WAY. THIS ASSURANCE WAS INCLUDED IN THE RESPONSES OF DEMOCRATIC SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY AND REPUBLICAN SENATE MINORITY LEADER HUGH SCOTT IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN BERLIN ON MARCH 31. THE TWO SENATORS ARE CO-CHAIRMEN OF A SEVEN-MAN DELEGATION CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING A FIVE-NATION STUDY TOUR OF WESTERN EUROPE.

2. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAID THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE CITY'S VITALITY AND BY THE STRENGTH OF ITS  
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ECONOMY AND SPIRIT. HE RECALLED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH FORMER

BERLIN MAYORS ERNST REUTER AND WILLY BRANDT, AND SAID THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE SENATE DELEGATION SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A FURTHER INDICATION OF THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO BERLIN, A COMMITMENT WHICH HAS BEEN MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE POSTWAR YEARS AND WHICH REMAINS AS STRONG NOW AS IT EVER WAS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON A RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLL WHICH SAID THAT 43 PERCENT OF AMERICANS WOULD OPPOSE SENDING ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO WEST BERLIN IN THE EVENT OF A CRISIS, SENATOR HUMPHREY POINTED OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOVERNED BY OPINION POLLS. HE ADDED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS A STRONG COMMITMENT TO NATO AND TO WEST BERLIN AND THAT IT WOULD BE A VERY SERIOUS MISTAKE FOR ANYONE TO MISUNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN POSITION.

4. IN SUPPORTING SENATOR HUMPHREY'S POSITION, SENATOR SCOTT ADDED THAT PUBLIC OPINION POLLS ARE GENERALLY TAKEN IN A VACUUM, AND SAID THAT IF TOMMORROW'S HEADLINES INDICATED THAT WEST BERLIN WERE IN DANGER, A POLL WOULD PROBABLY INDICATE THAT 70-80 PERCENT OF AMERICANS WOULD SUPPORT U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY.

5. ASKED ABOUT NATO AND THE CURRENT SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, SENATORS HUMPHREY AND SCOTT STRESSED THE CONTINUING COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, AND POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO REACH ANY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT PORTUGAL AT THIS TIME. SENATOR HUMPHREY SAID THAT THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS WHETHER PORTUGAL CAN REMAIN A FAITHFUL NATO ALLY, ADDING THAT BASIC DECISIONS MUST BE MADE IN CONCERT WITH OTHER NATO MEMBERS AND NOT UNILATERALLY. SENATOR SCOTT SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE PRESIDENT WOULD NEVER SIGN LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD CALL FOR A DECREASE IN AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH TO AFFECT AMERICAN POLICY, AND THAT IT WOULD BE "AN ABSOLUTE IMPOSSIBILITY" FOR CONGRESS TO OVERRULE HIM ON SUCH A MATTER IN THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE.

6. THE SENATORS AGREED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDO-CHINA WERE NOT HAMPERING DETENTE, AND SENATOR HUMPHREY STRESSED THAT AMERICAN ACTIONS IN INDO-CHINA SHOULD NOT BE RELATED IN ANY WAY TO AMERICA'S BASIC COMMITMENTS TO THE NATO ALLIANCE.

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7. QUESTIONED ON THE U.S. ROLE IN THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE (CSCE), SENATOR HUMPHREY SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGES IN THE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES--ALL OF WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED FAR BEYOND THE ORIGINAL SOVIET POSITION.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ONCE THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED IN GENEVA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SIGNING CEREMONIES IN HELSINKI. SENATOR SCOTT RECALLED THAT HE HAD PROPOSED THE FORMULA IN CARACAS SOME YEARS AGO TO THE SOVIETS WHEREBY THE US AND CANADA WERE INCLUDED IN CSCE DISCUSSIONS AS INTERESTED PARTIES AND SAID THAT HE CONTINUED TO HOPE FOR THE BEST FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS.

8. IN A SEPARATE INTERVIEW SUBSEQUENTLY GRANTED RIAS, THE TWO SENATORS AGAIN RECONFIRMED THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO BERLIN, NOTED THAT QUOTE ISOLATIONIST TENDENCIES UNQUOTE WERE LARGELY RESTRICTED TO CURRENT CONTROVERSIES OVER POLICIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND DID NOT EXTEND TO EUROPE OR NATO AND CALLED ATTENTION TO THE REAFFIRMATION OF BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY VIS-A-VIS EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MOST RECENT RETURN FROM THE LATER AREA.

9. THE SENATORIAL DELEGATION DEPARTS BERLIN APRIL 2 AND WILL CONTINUE ITS EXAMINATION OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS IN VISITS TO BONN, VIENNA, MADRID AND LONDON. ROSINUS

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